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1. Over the years considerable neurological research has taken place in Hungary.

2. Professor (fnu) Sartha

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This professor is now /1954/ located at the University of Debrecen where
he serves as head of the Department of Neurology.

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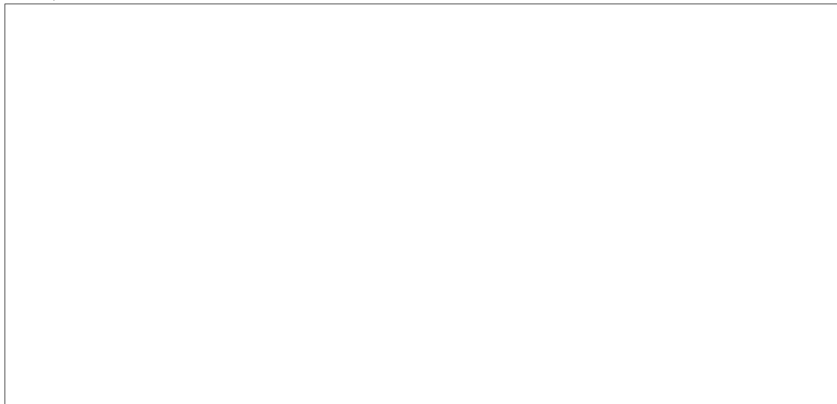
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b. Professor Laslo Meduna

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2. The disease poliomyelitis is most uncommon in Hungary as well as in other parts of central Europe. Consequently, very little polio research takes place in Hungary. [redacted]

[redacted] the polio virus was very mild and perhaps no more virile than the flu virus [redacted]

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Consequently, the youth of the country develop an early immunity to this affliction. Many Hungarian physicians have neither seen nor treated a single case of polio. No more than 20 clinically diagnosed cases of polio occur throughout Hungary during an average year. In 1936-37 Hungary suffered from what was considered a polio epidemic. During that year [redacted] clinically diagnosed 100 cases. Strangely, only adults had contracted polio. Of this group of 100, five died.

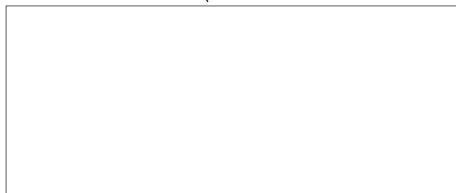
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3. Another disease ^{hepatitis B virus} which is exceptionally rare in Hungary is hepatitis. [redacted]

[redacted] only two or three cases of clinically diagnosed hepatitis.

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